

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 20-32 and 42-49 are pending and presented for examination. Support for newly added claims 42-49 is found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed and, thus, no new matter has been introduced. In order to expedite prosecution of the present case, claims 33-41 have been canceled without disclaimer or prejudice to renewal.

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 20-32 are allowable. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication (by telephone) that claim 32 should have been reflected "as allowed" on the Office Action Summary. Applicants wish to point out to the Examiner that newly added claims 42-49 contain subject matter that the Examiner has found to be allowable in claims 20-32 and, thus, Applicants look forward to receiving from the Examiner an indication that these claims are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,

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